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Introduction

Among scientists, conservationists, and the general public, there has been an increasing awareness that many species of animals and plants are in danger of extinction throughout all or at least large parts of their present and/or historical ranges. This awareness has generated strong support for various types of protective measures, whether legislation governing trade, collecting, or habitat modification, to the establishment of wildlife preserves and parks. While some individuals still scoff at such protective measures, a majority has come to recognize the plight of endangered and threatened species. More controversy has been generated concerning the methods of protection than the need for such; hopefully such difficulties will be eliminated in future exchanges between scientific, management, conservation, and legislative interests. Scientific research, and the free exchange of both preserved museum specimens and parts of animals (for instance, blood samples, sperm samples, tissues) is vital to the goal of protecting wildlife and should be encouraged with as little regulation as possible.

This bibliography provides a basic source of information directed at understanding the natural history, status, and causes of decline of 34 species and subspecies of amphibians and reptiles either listed or proposed for listing under provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 within the United States and its territories (Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Trust Territory, American Samoa, Guam, and Northern Marianas). While no bibliography on this subject can probably ever be complete, this one should provide a solid foundation from which to work. Additional information concerning U.S. herpetofauna and government conservation activities may be found in the Endangered Species Technical Bulletin, published monthly by the Office of Endangered Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Those species covered by the bibliography include:

<u>Alligator mississippiensis</u>	<u>Eleutherodactylus jasperii</u>
<u>Ambystoma macrodactylum croceum</u>	<u>Epicrates inornatus</u>
<u>Ameiva polops</u>	<u>Epicrates monensis monensis</u>
<u>Anolis roosevelti</u>	<u>Eretmochelys imbricata</u>
<u>Batrachoseps aridus</u>	<u>Eurycea nana</u>
<u>Bufo exsul</u>	<u>Gopherus agassizii</u> (Beaver Dam Slope)
<u>Bufo houstonensis</u>	<u>Hyla andersonii</u> (FL)
<u>Caretta caretta</u>	<u>Kinosternon bauri bauri</u>
<u>Chelonia mydas</u>	<u>Kinosternon flavescens spooneri</u>
<u>Chrysemys rubriventris bangsi</u>	<u>Klauberina riversiana</u>
<u>Crocodylus acutus</u>	<u>Lepidochelys kempii</u>
<u>Crocodylus novaeguineae mindorensis</u>	<u>Lepidochelys olivacea</u>
<u>Crotalus willardi obscurus</u>	<u>Nerodia fasciata taeniata</u>
<u>Crotaphytus silus</u>	<u>Phaeognathus hubrichti</u>
<u>Cyclura stejnegeri</u>	<u>Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia</u>
<u>Dermodochelys coriacea</u>	<u>Typhlomolge rathbuni</u>
<u>Drymarchon corais couperi</u>	<u>Uma inornata</u>

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